Moonbeams

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Post - Holiday Inertia is ripe. Also Mud!

in the Valley of the Moon

There just doesn't seem to be much of any news this week, but demmit, you're going to get a newspaper anyway. Some weeks are like this, but good newspapermen don't let it get them down. So on with the typewriting.

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Friend of ours made a trip to Kansas about the middle of December. He was warned about the terrible weather he'd run into, so he took all precautions—tire chains, anti-freeze, everything recommended. Back home again, he says there was no particular cold, little snow, and his main worries started when he began the return journey—all the floods we had along about that time.

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And a Novato woman wrote the SatEvePost complimenting it on a winter scene cover, showing deep snow. She spoke of how nice it was, how it developed energy and resourcefulness, and was a blessing to humanity. But, she added: Out here we just like to look at pictures of the beautiful stuff. It JUST DOESN'T SNOW here.

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Many of us—several millions undoubtedly—would rather like to see Ike accept the resignation of Secretary of State Dulles. The old boy seems to get his foot in his mouth too often, and the republican party and the nation in general would be better off if we had a different type of secretary of state. He'd have a much better time and be more useful to his country if he retired to his vacation residence on a small island in Lake Ontario.

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Can't say a word about this Friday, 'cause the paper is printed Thursday. But for five straight Fridays we've got soaked to the skin while delivering Moonbeams to our outlets. An umbrella isn't feasible—too many stops. A raincoat? Own one, but it's kinda a nuisance. Let's turn on the sunshine.

GET ACQUAINTED with the quaintest tavern in the Valley—RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. Bring your guests. GUNNER and RUTH.

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Rather like the stand of Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah who is refusing to pay his income tax because too much of it is going to aid foreign governments. Of course the federal government will collect it eventually, but we'd like to see the whole matter of income taxes brought before the supreme court for decision. It was first put on the books as an emergency measure, but has stayed on and on. Corrine Griffith, the former silent movie star, has waged a continuous fight against the income tax measure, claiming it is unconstitutional. She's probably right, but how're you going to get it thrown out?

There's that man in France who has achieved some prominence heading a large group which refuses to pay any taxes. And in France they can't put you in jail for such refusal. Don't recommend that procedure here, but there should be other ways of collecting sufficient funds to run the government. If the Hoover recommendations were adopted by congress, saving $7 or $8 billion a year just by cutting out waste and duplication, some of the income taxes could be reduced, and a further reduction could come by cutting out the unnecessarily large expenditures now going for foreign aid, which is not appreciated and actually is money poured into a rathole.

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Rozario's Palms Inn has been getting some huge crowds at various banquets and gatherings of late. Sonoma County Insurance association met there last Thursday night, and on Tuesday of this week the Sonoma county Associated chambers of commerce. It's a superb place for a banquet, with gracious hospitality the keynote, along with good food.

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SAM FRISCIA, Wholesale-Retail SEAFOOD. Craig Ave., off Arnold Drive. Cooked Crabs (we crack and clean), prawns, filets, abalone.

If we had anything to do with the Boyes Hot Springs Merchants' association, we'd eye very gingerly any proposals by the Sonoma Valley chamber of commerce that the two groups confer on "mutual problems." It wasn't too long ago when a Boyes Springs chamber of commerce with 150 members and $700 in its treasury was gobbled up by the Sonoma group in what is generally believed to have been an illegal surrender.

There are some mutual problems, of course but we'd much rather see our own worked out by our own citizens, not monkeyed with by people living all over the lower Valley. Our idea of the best solution would be a little change of name for the Boyes group—say a Board of Trade—a broader membership base, and insistence on recognition by the Sonoma County Associated chambers of commerce. The old group was so recognized by the state chamber, but never by the county chambers.

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Well, we've had as much rain to date as is generally dropped from the heavens for an entire season—something like 29 inches so far, and quite a few weeks ahead of us during which it's likely to rain. No floods locally, though Sonoma river has carried away a lot of fine soil that isn't easily replaced.

We used to live on a river in Illinois that is probably as long as the Russian river—wide, too—and in its 150-mile length there are dams located from 10 to 20 miles apart. They're not needed for water storage, for it rains frequently all summer, and there is plenty snow

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during the winters. But they do provide cheap power, excellent fishing and boating, and there never has been a flood.

It's hard to believe California isn't as smart as they are back there. Adequate dams could be built on all coastal rivers and remove the flood threat. Here at home, Sonoma river should have a half dozen or more dams, controlling flood damage, preventing erosion of banks, and providing splendid recreational facilities all along its length.

It has worked at Sonoma state hospital. It used to feel a shortage of water every summer, but after a dam was built in that vicinity, there now is all the water the great institution needs. Pressure should be put upon the board of supervisors to make a study of the conditions, and then be spurred on to immediate action along these lines.

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By the way, we haven't heard yet whether Supervisor Jim Lyttle is going to run for reelection this year or not. He's made a mighty good man in the post for about a dozen years, and in our opinion he should seek a higher post, because he's qualified for it. There is one man in our town who's made himself a one-man fan club for your editor; wants us to run. But there'll have to be a half dozen or a few thousand more fans before we'll "hear the call."

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They had a big raid down in Chatsworth Lake Manor, just three miles from where we holed in for four years at Chatsworth itself. The "lake" really is a Los Angeles reservoir, with a fearsome metal fence all around it, so nobody can really enjoy it—just look at it.

Newspaper reports are that officers rounded up a big gang of youngsters, supposedly using or about to use narcotics. While the raid was in progress, 35 cars drove up to the place, but quickly scurried away. Think we remember the name of the man whose "mansion" was the scene of the alleged orgy.

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Well, Guy Lombardo is on, and the typewriting can be resumed—to the "sweetest music this side of heaven." To us he does play heav-

enly music. So does Lawrence Welk. So does Howard Barlow, of the Firestone program, usually a bit more classical than either. We hate the blaring brasses now so common with the bebop and jazz bands. Actually, brasses belong to bands, not orchestras. And there's a difference.

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Fields' service station now handles a different brand of trading stamp—"United"—of which Fields is plenty proud. Never went for the trading stamp idea too much, though in our house is an electric clock and a card table, procured by saving trading stamps.

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There's no question but that any workman has a right to join a union; we also think every man has a right not to join one, any more than a church or lodge. That adds up to a "right to work" law now in effect in some 18 states. The unions themselves would be in better position to earn the goodwill of workmen and the entire nation if they'd ban mass picketing, "featherbedding," secondary strikes and boycotts, and the "hot cargo" pressuring, common practices for far too long.

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Got to tell you about the WKFL Fountain of the World service we attended down Chatsworth way, the sermon delivered by one Krishna Venta, "the master." The congregation was seated in folding chairs under a hot sun. The speaker was on a shady porch, with pulpit at its edge. He talked for at least an hour, and everybody was getting tired and sleepy.

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So an airplane passed overhead. Many looked at it, and one person at least said a little prayer for the pilot . Then came a deluge of water into the faces of those not paying attention. "The master" had shot a water gun, and berated those inattentive ones for their misguided failure to listen to him. So that about ended further friendliness with the leader of the cult.

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Boyes Hot Springs residents were thrilled last week when on the Groucho Marx program Rev. Fr. Regan of Hanna Boys' Center appeared. Location of the center wasn't divulged (somebody must have slipped) but the padre made a good impression. He retired as a quizzer in favor of "one of the boys" Jerry McCray, who with a partner, proceeded to win $440, later answering the jackpot question, worth $2000. Asked what he'd do with his share, the lad said: "We've got a purebred bull at the school; I'd like to add a few heifers to the herd to keep him company." A fine lad. A fine leader.

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"Give your wife $12 to buy a gallon of whisky . There are 128 snorts in a gallon, and if you pay your wife the prevailing exorbitant rate of 40 cents a snort, in four days when you've lapped up the gallon, your wife will have $39.20 to put in the bank, not to mention $12 to start up in business again.

"If you can hang on in this fashion for 10 years, before dying from DTs, your wife will have approximately $35,750.50 on deposit—enough to bury you respectably, bring up your children, buy a house and lot, marry an upstanding man—and forget she ever knew you!"

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MR. TRUMAN, FARM EXPERT (?)

Harry Truman Saturday made a political speech in St. Paul about the farm question. He went all out.

He said the failure of agriculture to keep up with the rest of the booming economy was all the fault of Ezra Benson and President Eisenhower. Farm prices have slumped, said Truman, because Ike and Benson planned it that way. The San Francisco News comments:

There is ample room in the farm debate for honest differences of opinion. If the ex-president honestly believes a return to 90 per cent of parity subsidies would help the farmer, we could credit him with sincerity, even though it is plain to most people that it was the over-extended subsidy program which got us into this farm trouble.

But would Harry Truman say he was to blame for the farm slump of late 1948 and 1949, which was just about as bad as this one? There was just as much reason to fault Harry for that downturn as there is to slug Ike and Ezra personally with this one.

That farm slump, however, was the result of the government subsidy program, just as this one is. But the Korean war came along and bailed Harry out, temporarily wiping out that issue. Now it recurs.

Truman might disagree with the Benson farm policies on logical grounds. But when he accuses the hard-working agriculture secretary of deliverately driving down farm prices he is just talking to hear the words run out. Harry knows better, and that makes his statements all the more outlandish—and imprudent.

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LEAP, FELLOWS! WOMEN HAVE AN EYE ON YOU

Comes Helen Thomas, a Washington correspondent. She sounds off like this:

Bachelors beware! Leap year is here, giving the gals the right to

pop the question.

If you want to be stuffy and scientific about it, leap year, which comes every four years, has to do with things solar. But you will find, gentlemen, that to most matrimonial-minded ladies it means things strictly lunar.

Unlike any old year, leap year has 366 days, or a February 29 every four years to offset the difference between the ordinary year and the astronomical year. Or more simply, the actual length of the solar year, on which the calendar is based, is 365¼ days. Every four years, the four quarters catch up with each other.

LADIES' CHOICE. More interesting, perhaps, are the legends that have grown up around leap year which proclaim it the time when a maiden is permitted to pop the question.

Whence came the idea, even historians can't agree. But it's the answer to an old maid's prayer.

A handbook of literary curiosities says the custom goes back to 1228 when, by act of the Scottish parliament, it was ordained that during the reign of her blessed majesty, Margaret, ladies of high and low estate "shall have the liberty of speaking to the man she likes."

IRISH IN ACT. But the Irish also claim the tradition and naturally St. Patrick figures in the act.
shores of Lough Neagh when he was accosted by St. Bridget. With tears and lamentations she informed him that dissension had arisen in the nunnery where she presided, because the ladies were demanding the right to march a man down the aisle.

St. Patrick was somewhat moved by this pitiful tale and said he would concede women the right of making their selection every seventh year. But, with some bargaining, St. Bridget got him down to four. "Sold," said St. Patrick. "I'll give you leap year, the longest of the lot."

The custom is strictly Anglo-Saxon, though it appears to be exportable. The Pakistanis here seem interested. So do the Soviets. But a Pakistani diplomat admitted that the sari-clad women can't propose to a man. "I wish they could," he lamented.

At the Soviet embassy, an official, when briefed on Sadie Hawkins day, seemed highly amused. "We do not have the custom," he said. But then he confessed, "Perhaps our women do practice it."

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